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THE HEDGEHOG

GOTTA' GO
BOOM!



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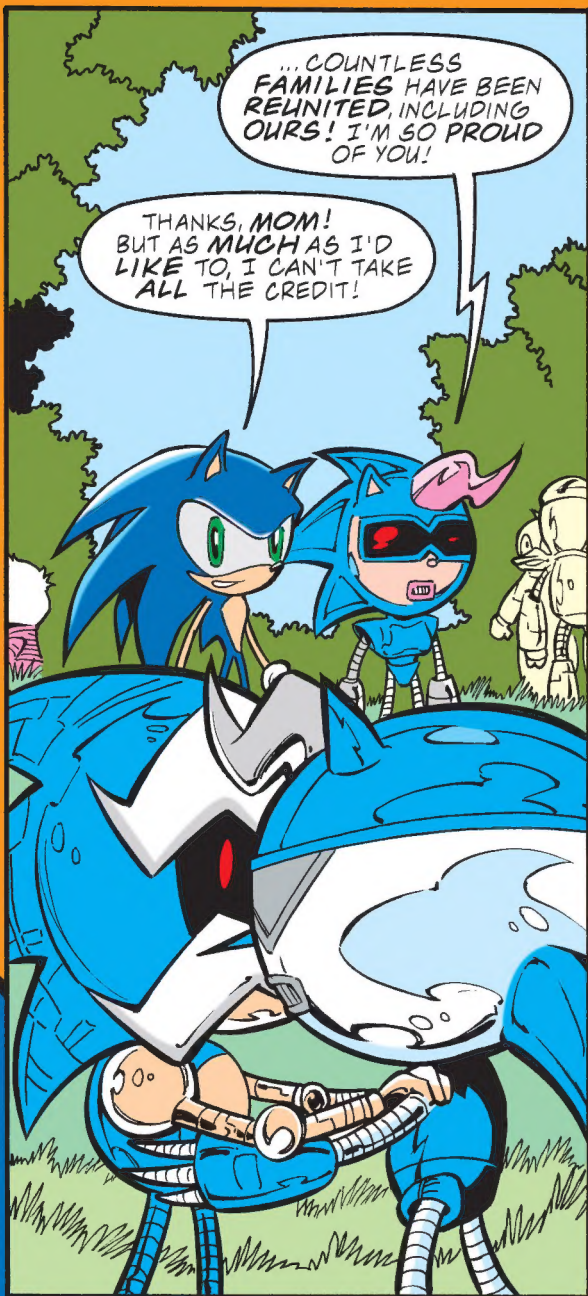
KNOTHOLE KINGDOM.

SONIC, THANKS TO YOUR FREEING THE ROBOTICIZED MOBIANS FROM DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S CONTROL...



... COUNTLESS FAMILIES HAVE BEEN REUNITED, INCLUDING OURS! I'M SO PROUD OF YOU!

THANKS, MOM! BUT AS MUCH AS I'D LIKE TO, I CAN'T TAKE ALL THE CREDIT!

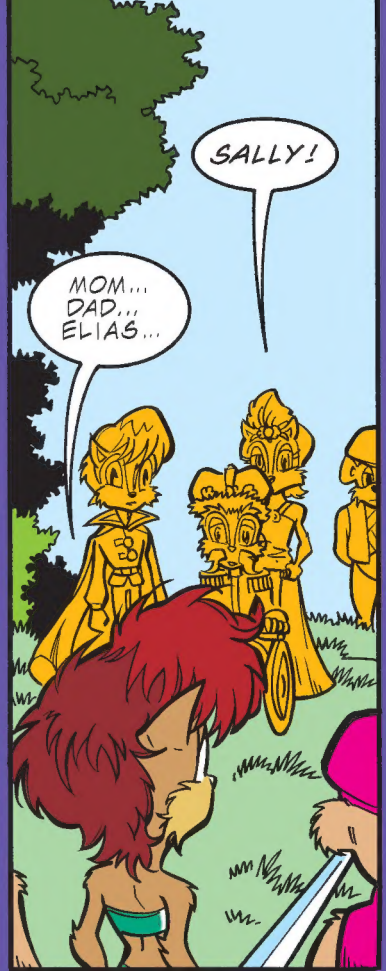


I HAD SOME HELP!



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FAMILY
DYSFUNCTION



THE SWORD--IT SPOKE!

SALLY, ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?

HM?

I ASKED WHAT YOU WERE THINKING SNEAKING OFF TO ROBOTROPOLIS LIKE THAT? YOU COULD'VE BEEN INJURED OR WORSE!

MOM, I'M NOT A PORCELAIN DOLL ... THE SWORD HAD TO BE RECOVERED...

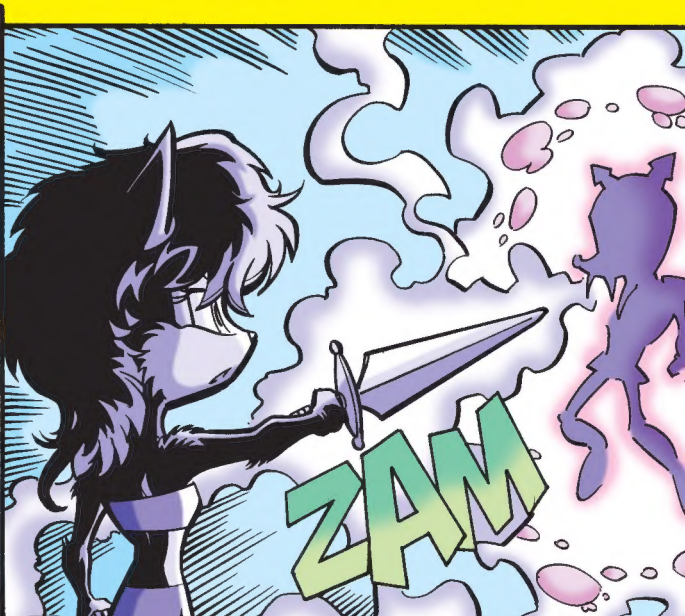
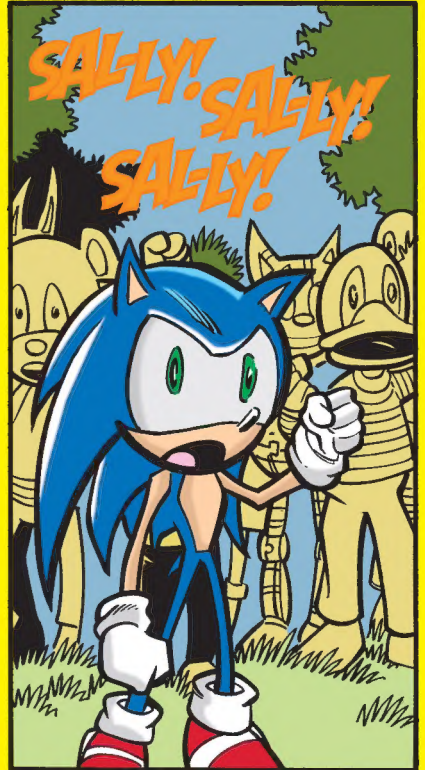
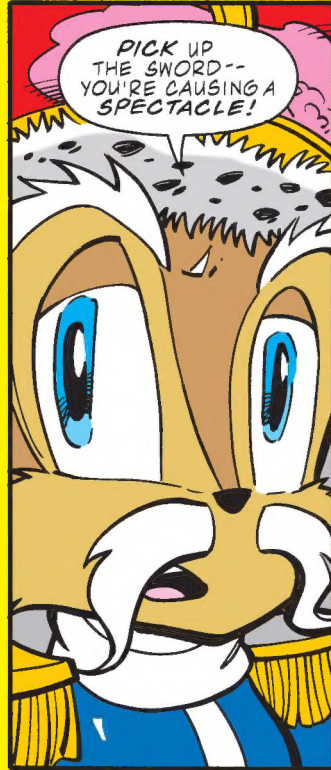
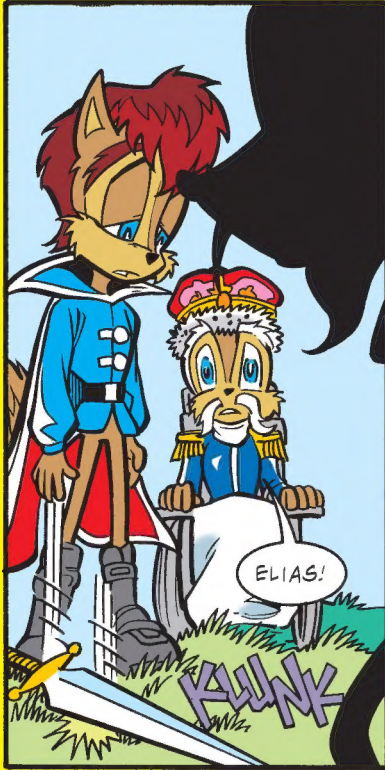
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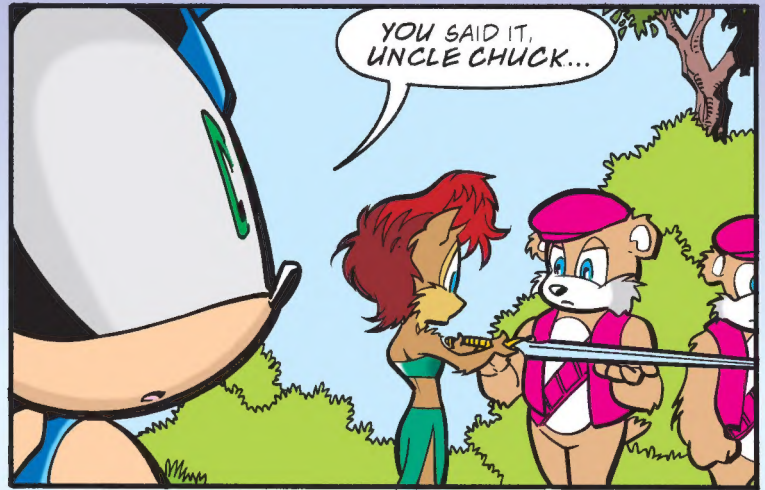
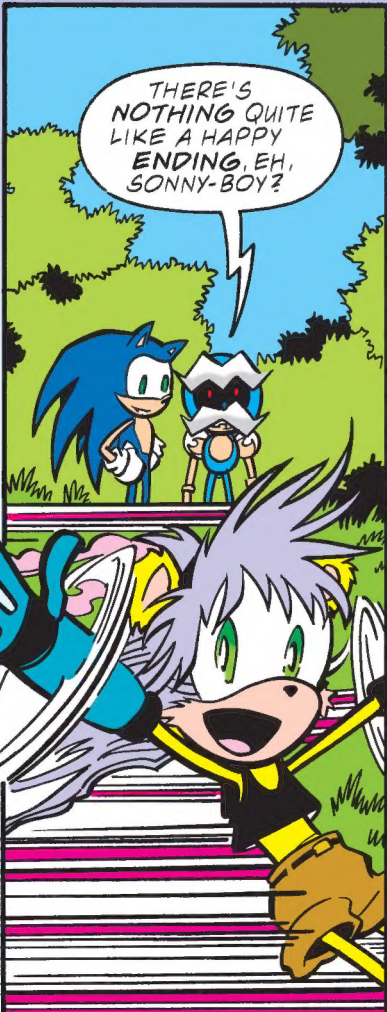
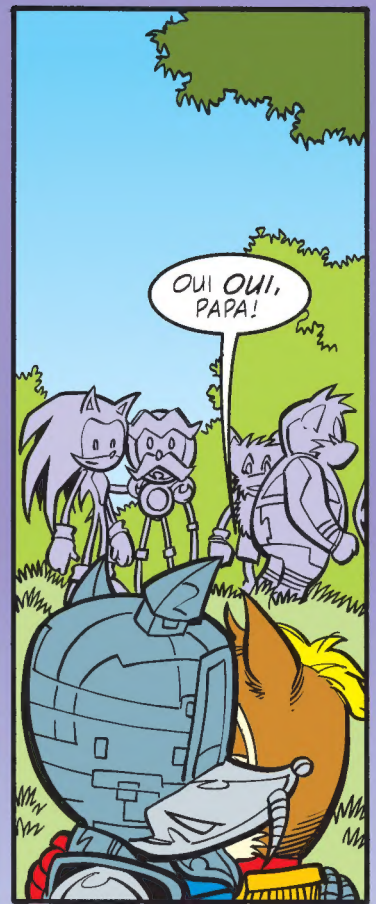
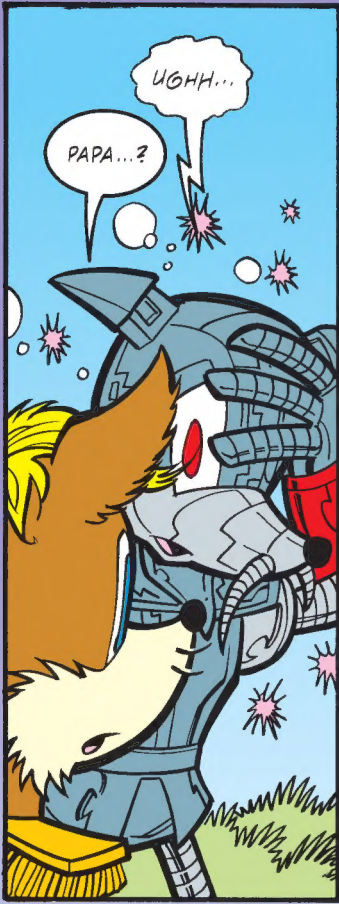
IT'S THEM!

THE GENERAL-- AND HIS SON!

ANTOINE...

EVERYBODY... PLEASE STAND BACK AND ALLOW US TO APPROACH ZEE FAMILY ROYALE!





"...YOU SAID IT."

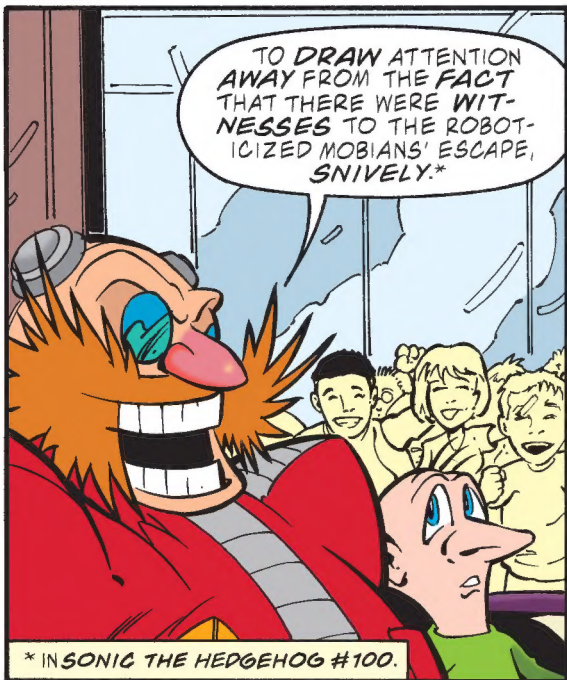




ROBOTROPOLIS...

HURRAY FOR THE KINTOBOR CLAN!

WHY THE CELEBRATION, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK, SIR?



TO DRAW ATTENTION AWAY FROM THE FACT THAT THERE WERE WITNESSES TO THE ROBOTICIZED MOBIANS' ESCAPE, SNIVELY.*

* IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #100.



IF THESE PITIFUL SAD SACKS REALIZED SONIC WAS ACTUALLY TRYING TO SAVE THEM FROM ME, THEY WOULDN'T BE CHEERING AT ALL!

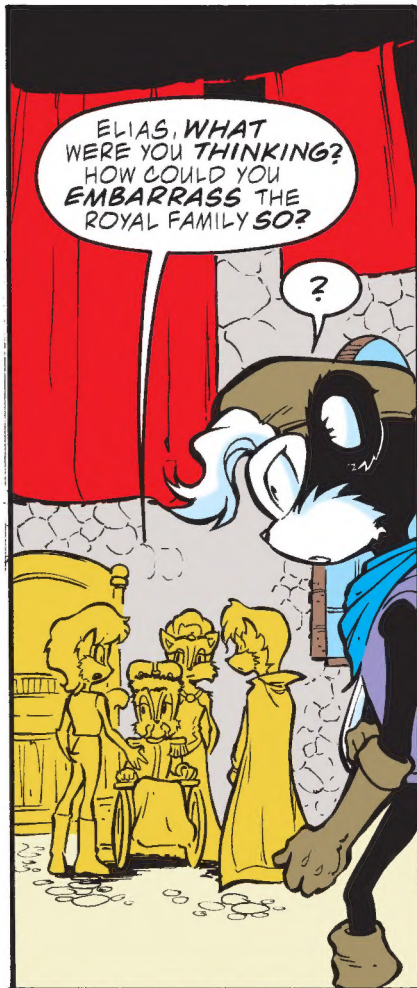
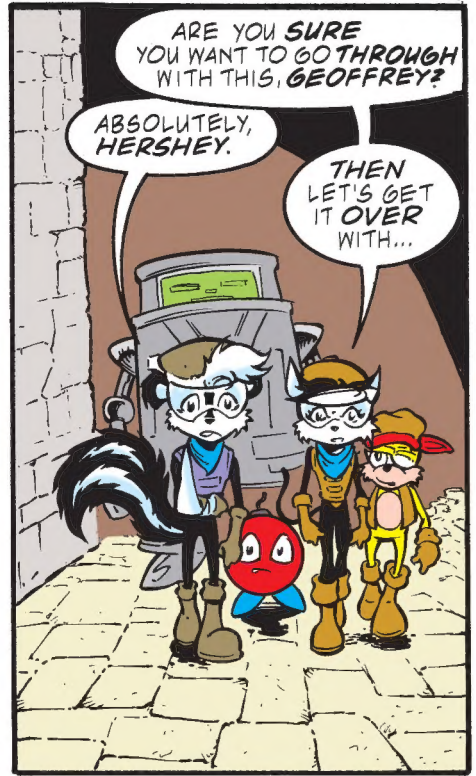
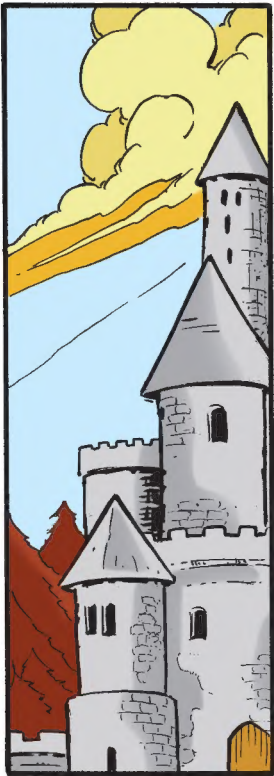


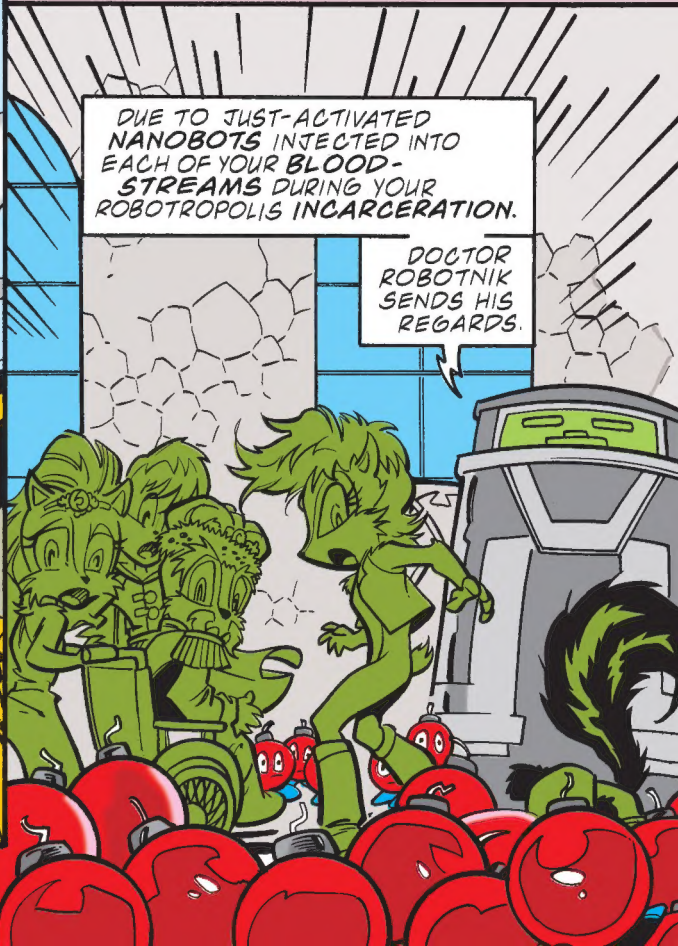
I'M BORED! AND THESE DROP-TOP LIMO DRIVES ALWAYS GET ME IN THAT ASSASSINATION FRAME OF MIND...

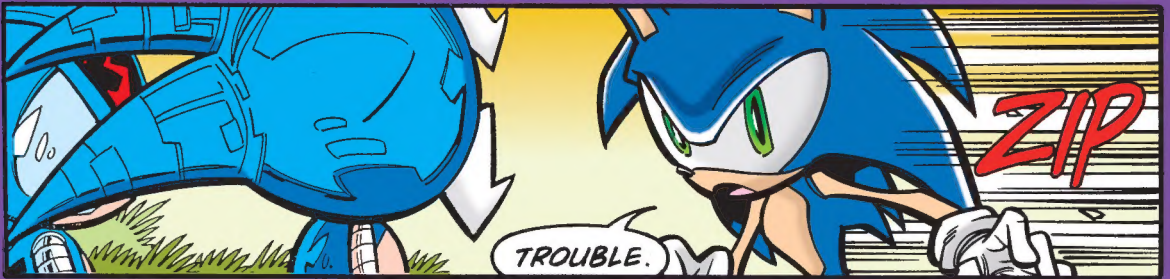
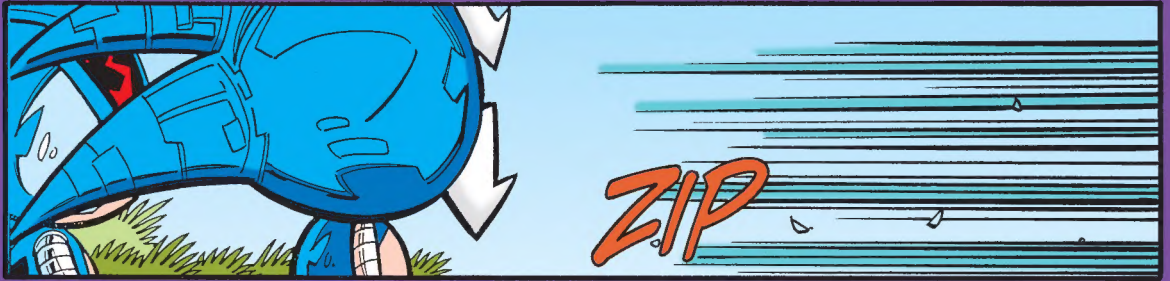
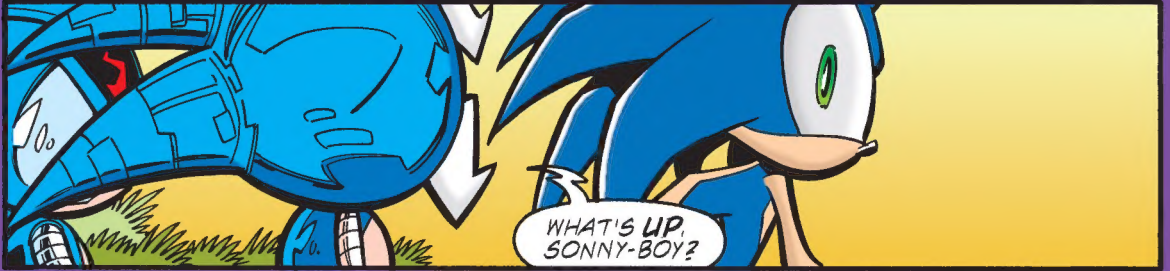
...SO WHY DON'T YOU ACTIVATE THOSE SLEEPER AGENTS, HM?

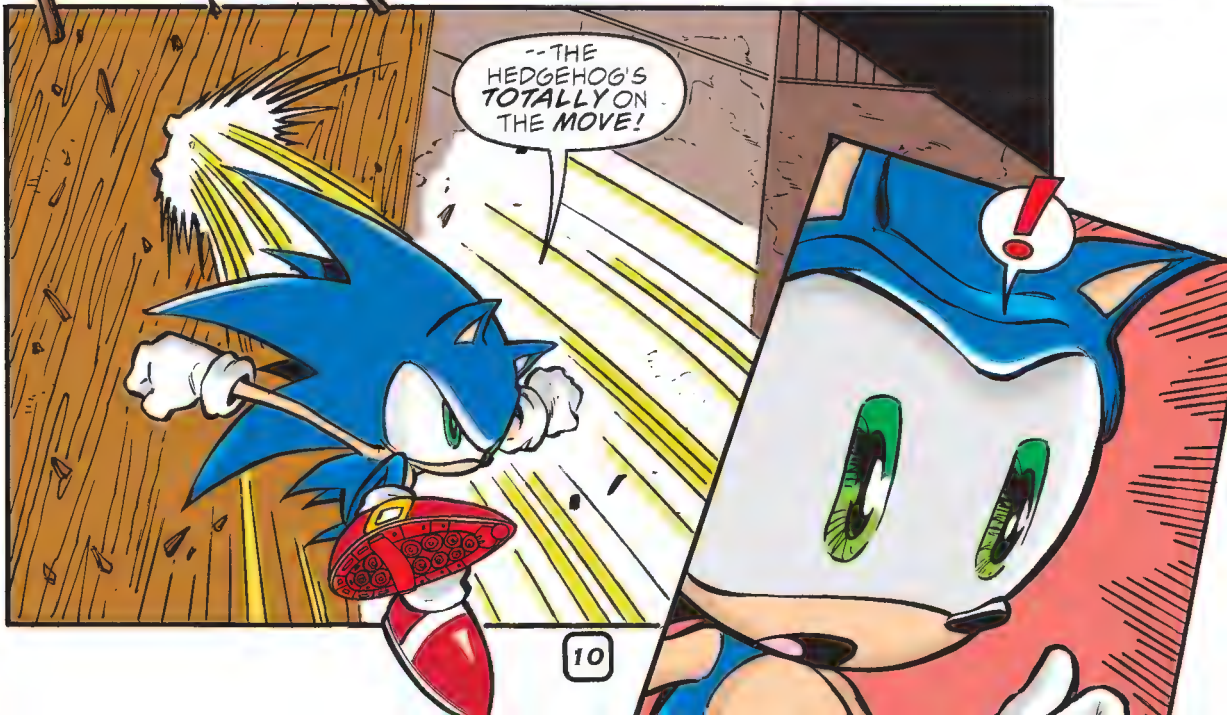
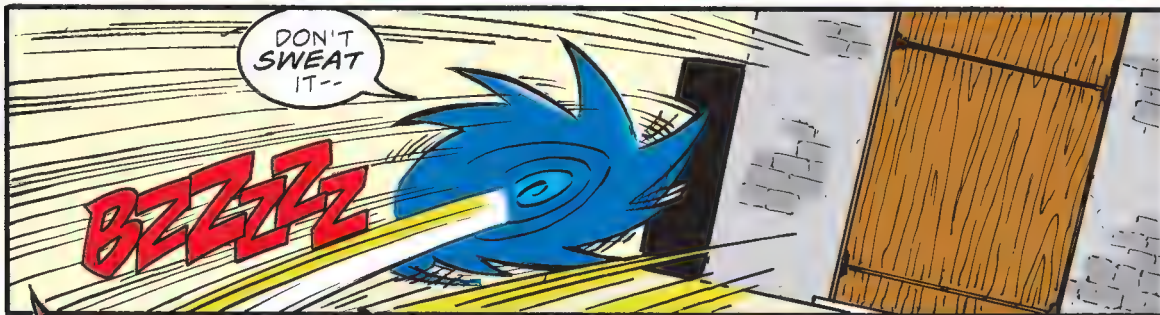
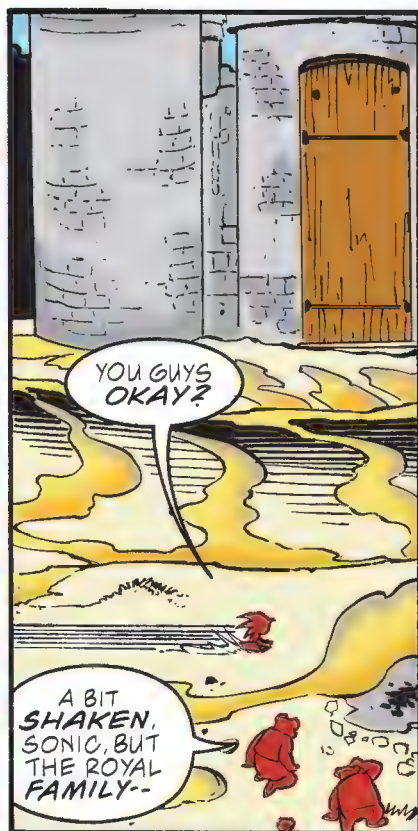


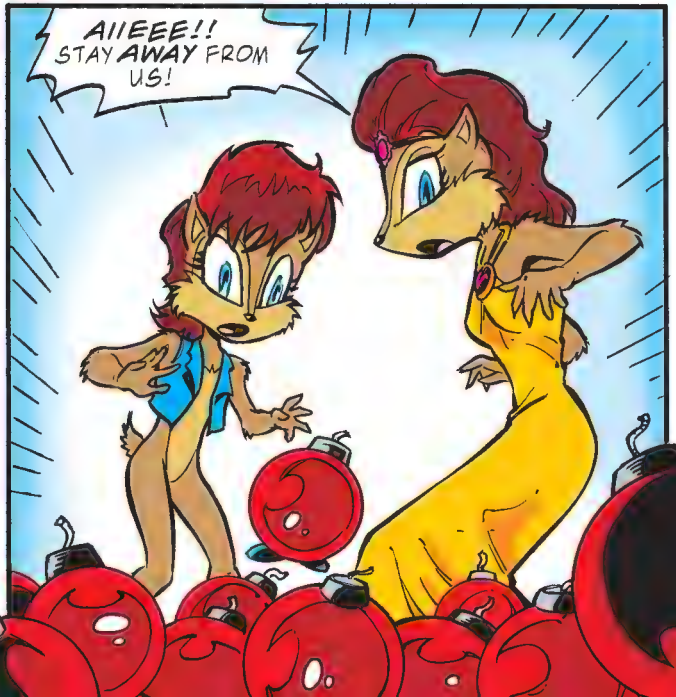
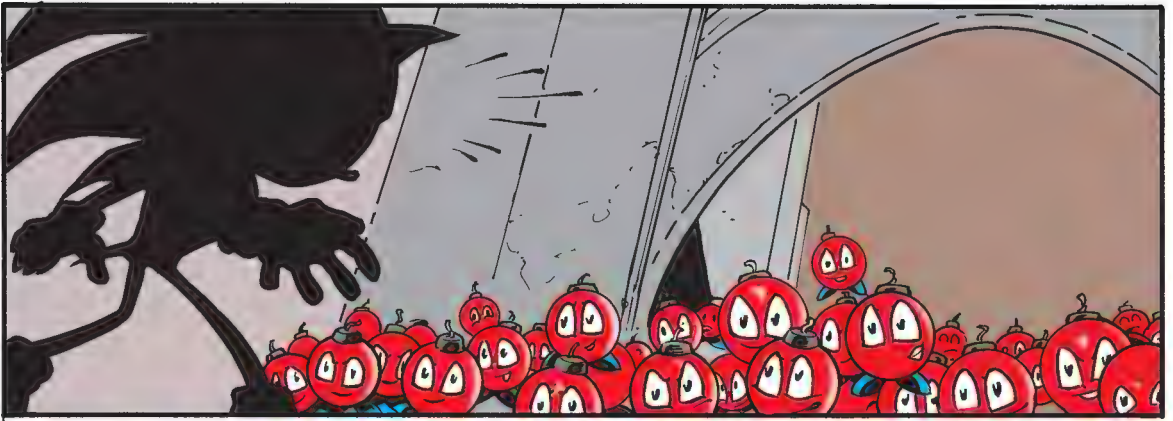
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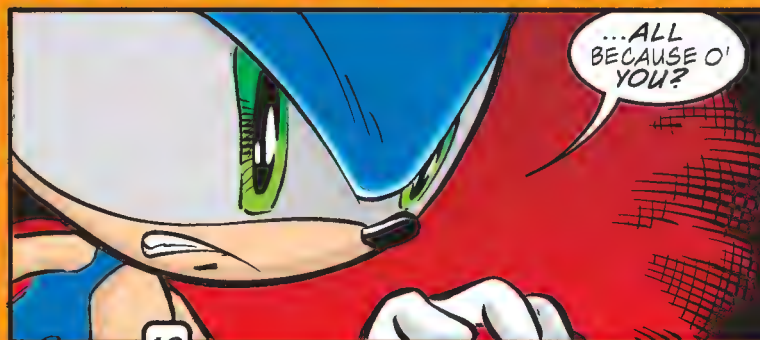
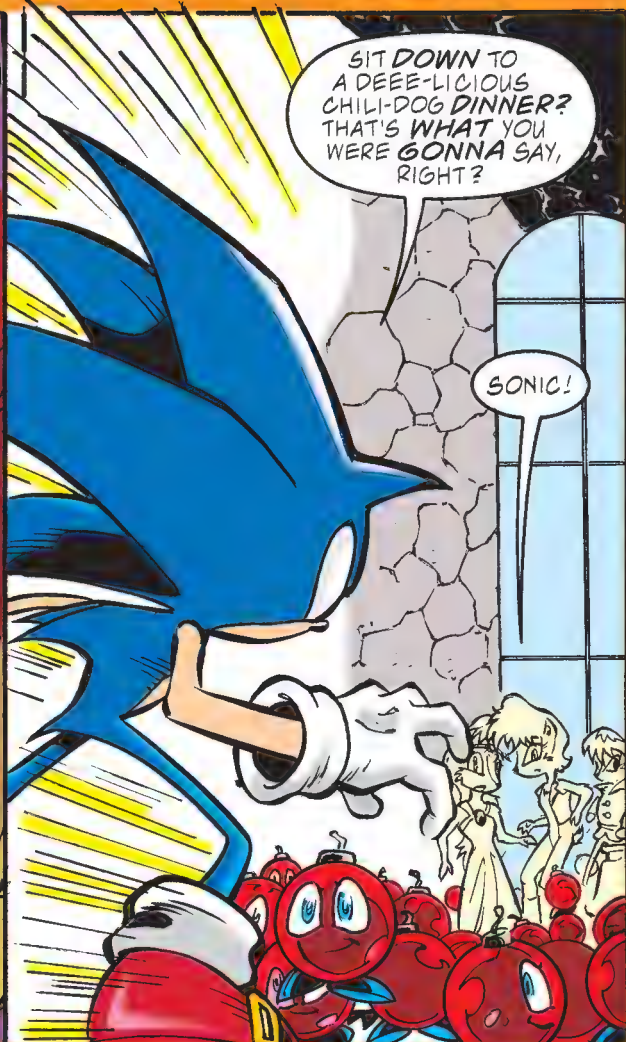


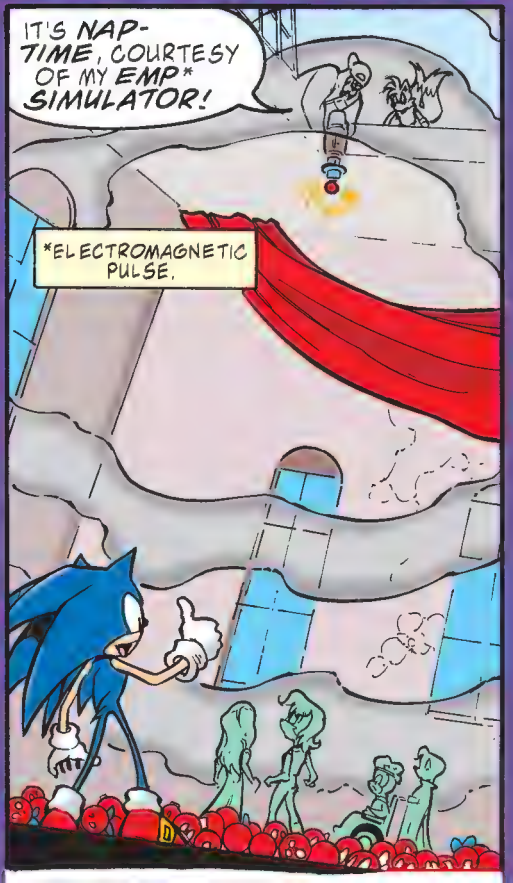
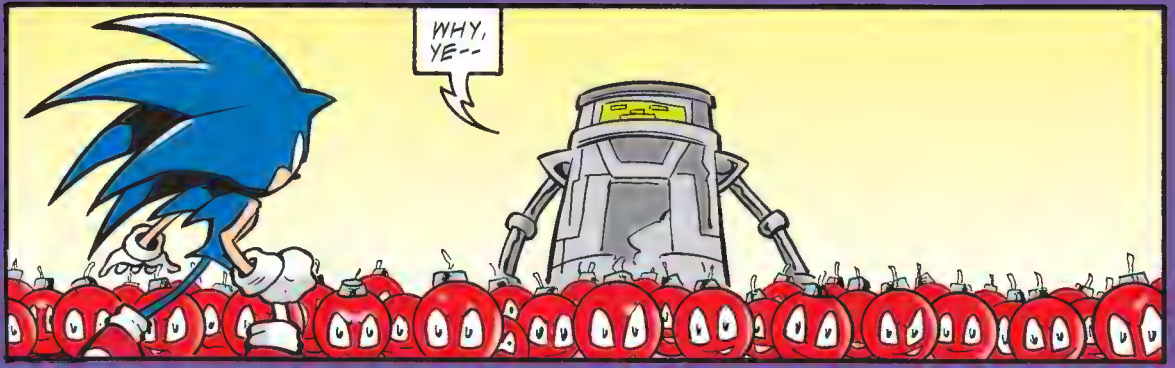


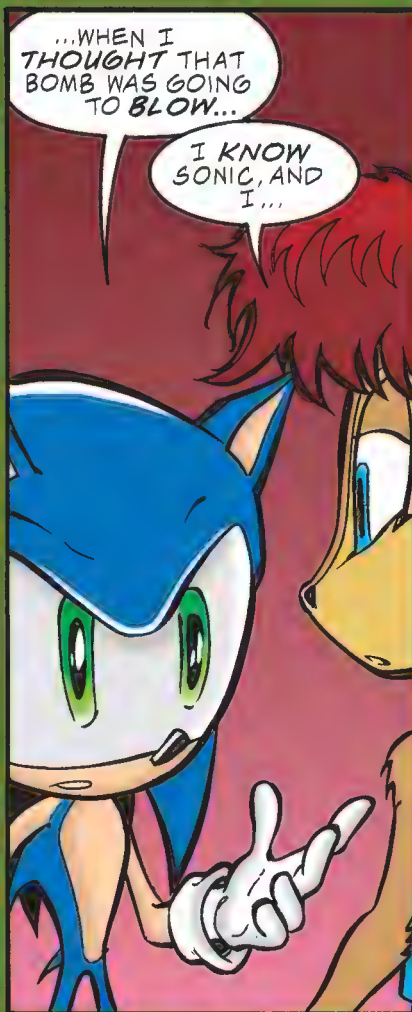
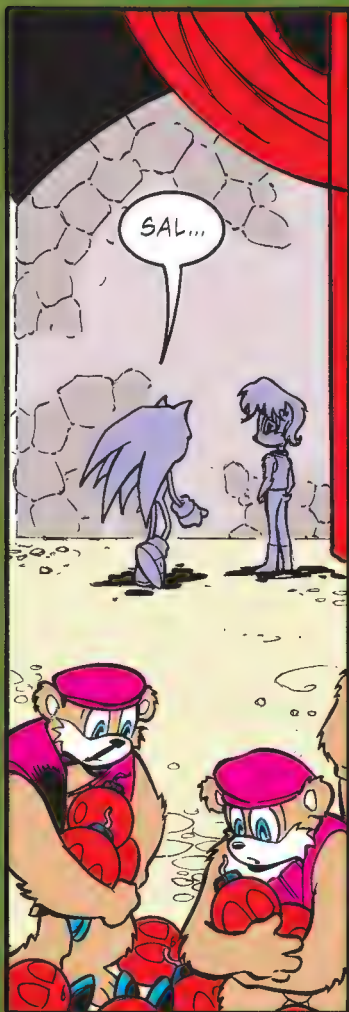


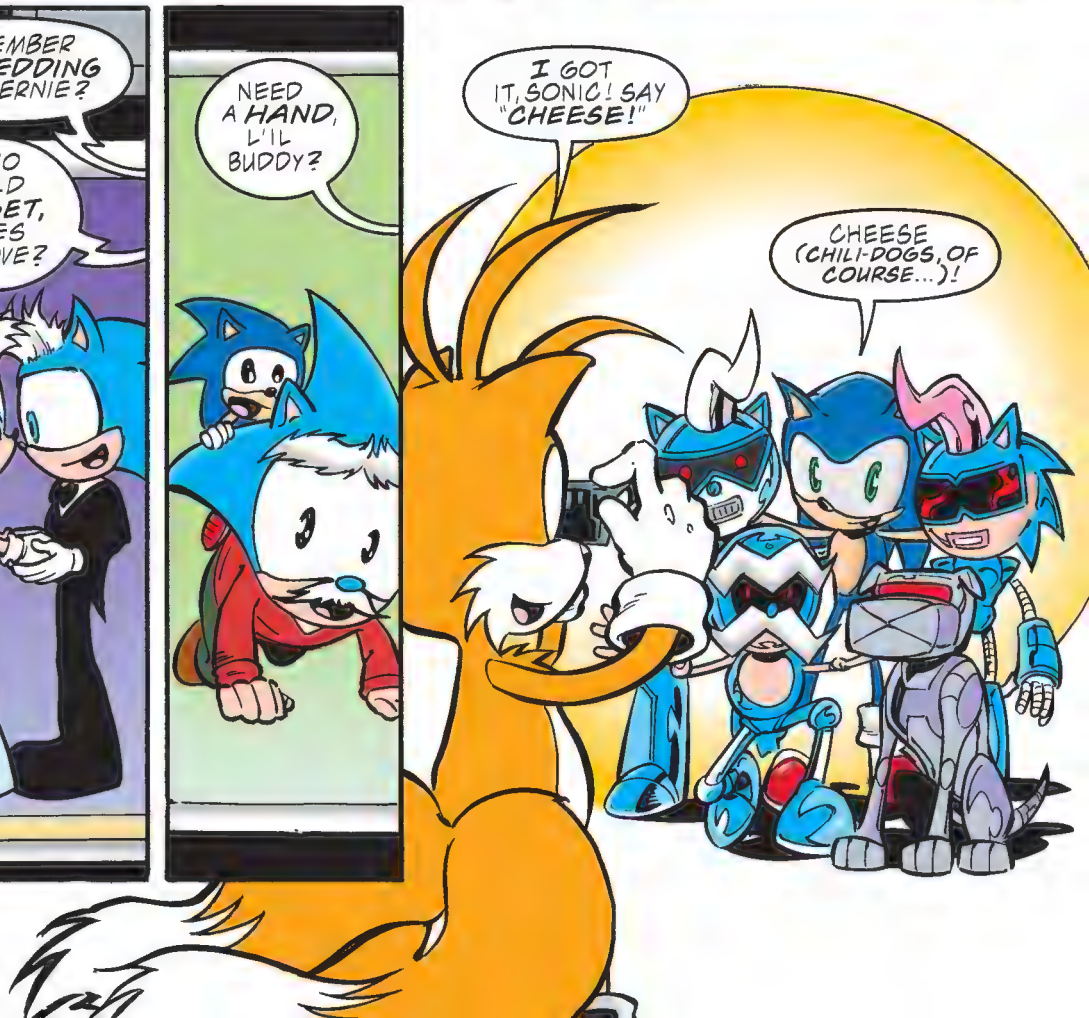
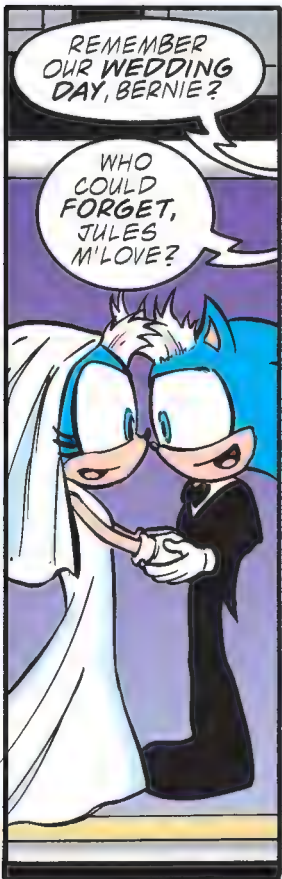


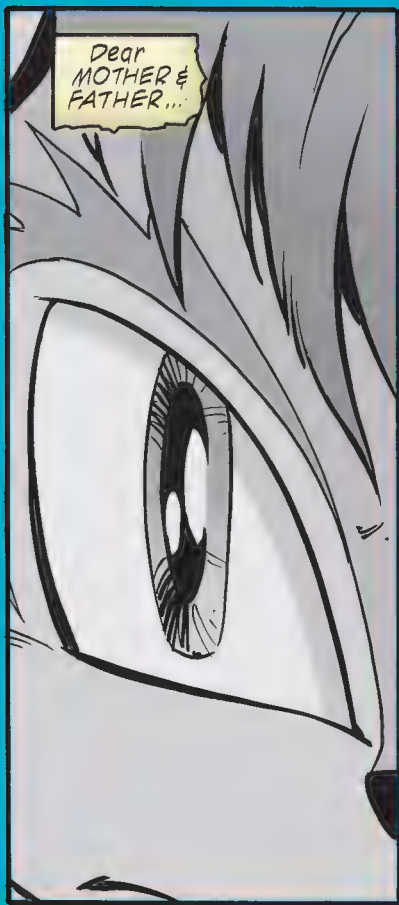










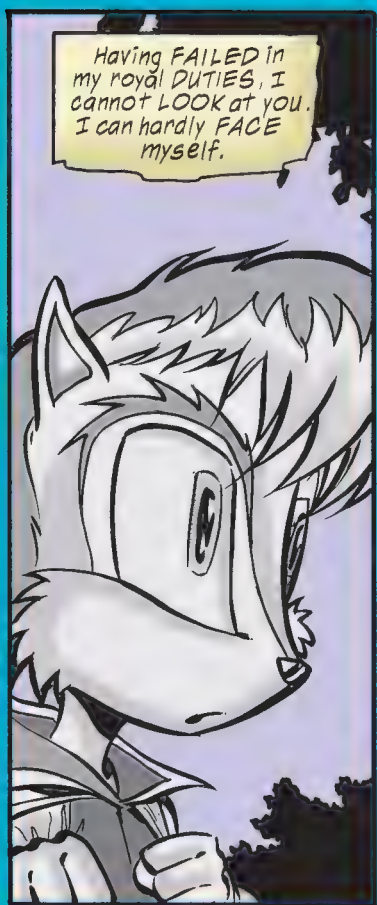


Dear MOTHER & FATHER...



...by the TIME you READ this, I'll be long GONE.

PLEASE don't try to BRING me back. I can't stand the THOUGHT.



Having FAILED in my royal DUTIES, I cannot LOOK at you. I can hardly FACE myself.



I didn't HAVE what it takes to RULE, but I KNEW right from WRONG.

I KNEW that Sally should have been APPOINTED acting ruler INSTEAD of me...



...KNEW I should have TRUSTED Sonic's JUDGMENT...yet I said NOTHING. Absolutely nothing.

It nearly COST us all our LIVES.



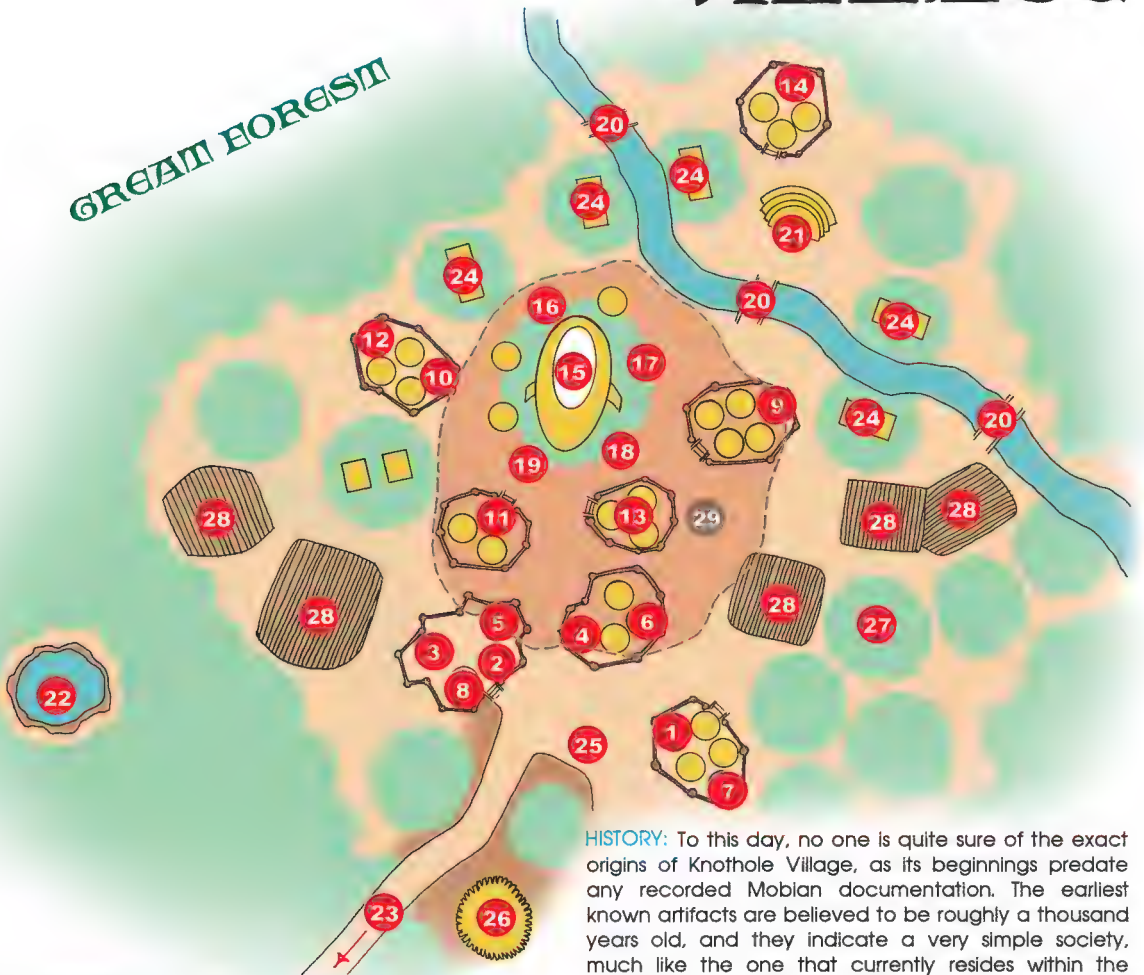
I'm SORRY.

Farewell... Elias

End.

KNOTHOLE VILLAGE

GREAT FOREST



FIRST APPEARANCE: SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #0, February 1993.

SURFACE SIZE: Approx. 1.3 sq. metrons above ground, total size underground unknown as the labyrinth of tunnelling reaches out quite extensively.

CLIMATE: Generally warm, sunny days with cooler nights, occasional rainstorms with thunder and lightning.

POPULATION: Over 3,487 subjects to the Crown of Acorn, consisting of over 78 different sentient species.

TALLEST TREE: 1592 marks (oak)

DISTANCE TO MOBOTROPOLIS (AKA Robotropolis): 13.4 metrons

POINTS OF INTEREST: (1) Sonic's Shack (2) Sally's Sanctum (3) Tail's Bunk (4) Antoine's Hut (5) Bunnie's Grotto (6) Rotor's Lab (7) Amy Rose's Burrow (8) Rosie's Cottage (9) Hamlin's Trough (10) Dylan's Digs (11) Penelope's Pad (12) Ario's Abode (13) The Royal Compound (14) Doctor Quack's Domicile (he has no official office due to the fact he makes house calls) (15) Meeting Area (16) Village Lock-Up (17) Village General Store (18) Medical Clinic (19) Emergency Center (20) Wooden bridge (21) Performance Arena (22) Power Ring Spring (23) Path to Knothole Elevator (which leads to Great Desert) (24) Treehouse Apartments (25) Solar Windmill (26) Big Haystack (27) Hidden entrance to the tunnel network (28) Village Gardens (29) Underground cavern

HISTORY: To this day, no one is quite sure of the exact origins of Knothole Village, as its beginnings predate any recorded Mobian documentation. The earliest known artifacts are believed to be roughly a thousand years old, and they indicate a very simple society, much like the one that currently resides within the village limits.

Over the passage of many years, the village evolved into a retreat for many of the citizens of Mobotropolis looking for a break from the pace of city life. When Mobotropolis was attacked by outside forces for the first time, it was then the village came to be regarded as a sanctuary upon realizing the natural environment of the Great Forest protected it against discovery.

The residence that King Theodore had retired to was transformed into a Royal Command Post where King Acorn conducted the prosecution of the war against the Overlanders. Upon winning the war, King Acorn then relocated back to the city. Shortly thereafter, Warlord Julian seized power, assigned the King into a nether-zone known as the Void, and waged systemic robotization against the populace. Only a fortunate few managed to return to the village, including the King's daughter Sally, who would eventually train and lead various bands of freedom fighters against the evil despot, making extensive use of the underground network of tunnels that are known but to a select few.

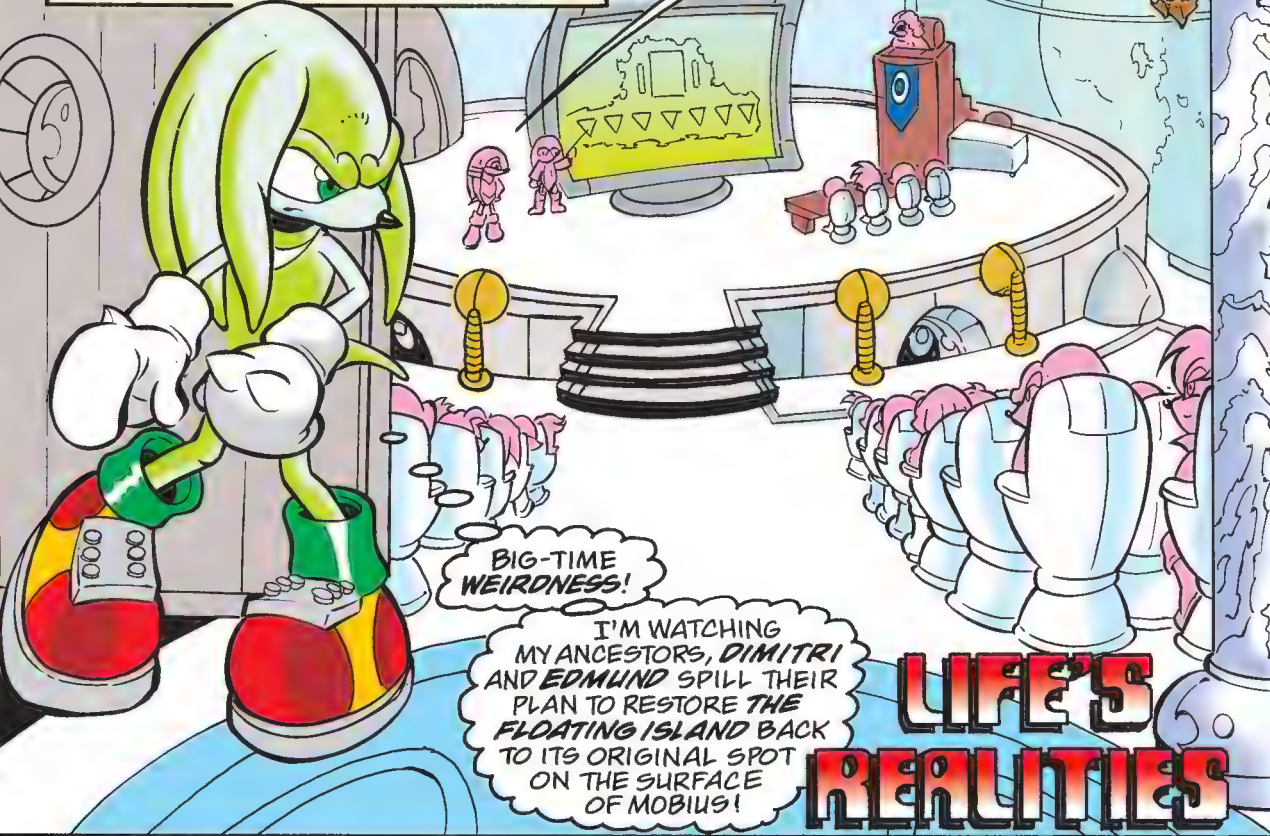
Since the demise of Julian and the rise to power of his successor, Knothole Village continues to be both home and safe haven for all who dwell there.

HE WAS BORN TO BE NONE OTHER THAN THE GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND, AND NOW

KNUCKLES

THROUGH THE POWER OF CHAOS ENERGY, WHICH HE ALONE WIELDS, HAS TRAVELED BACK IN TIME TO A MOMENT WHICH COULD ALTER HISTORY FOR ALL ON MOBIUS...

... AND BY UTILIZING THE CHAOS SYPHON TO GRADUALLY DRAIN THE OUTPUT FROM THE CHAOS EMERALDS, WE CAN ENSURE A SAFE LANDING!



BIG-TIME WEIRDNESS!

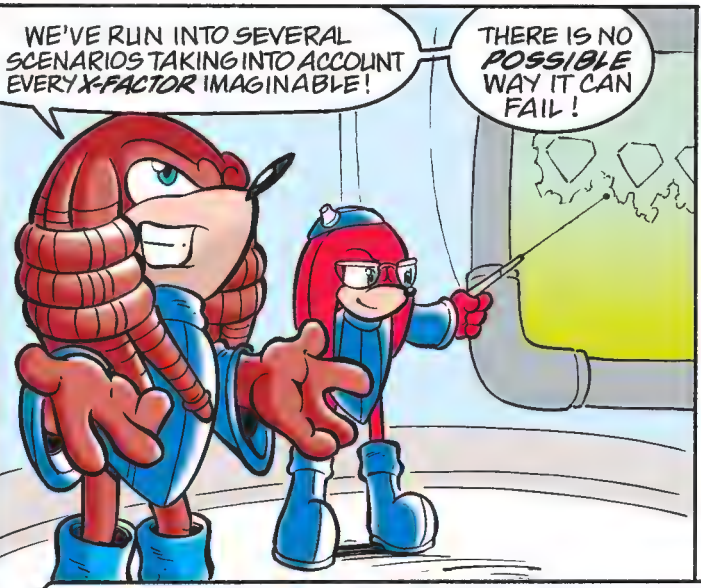
I'M WATCHING MY ANCESTORS, DIMITRI AND EDMUND SPILL THEIR PLAN TO RESTORE THE FLOATING ISLAND BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL SPOT ON THE SURFACE OF MOBIUS!

LIFE'S REALITIES

WE'VE RUN INTO SEVERAL SCENARIOS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT EVERY X-FACTOR IMAGINABLE!

THERE IS NO POSSIBLE WAY IT CAN FAIL!

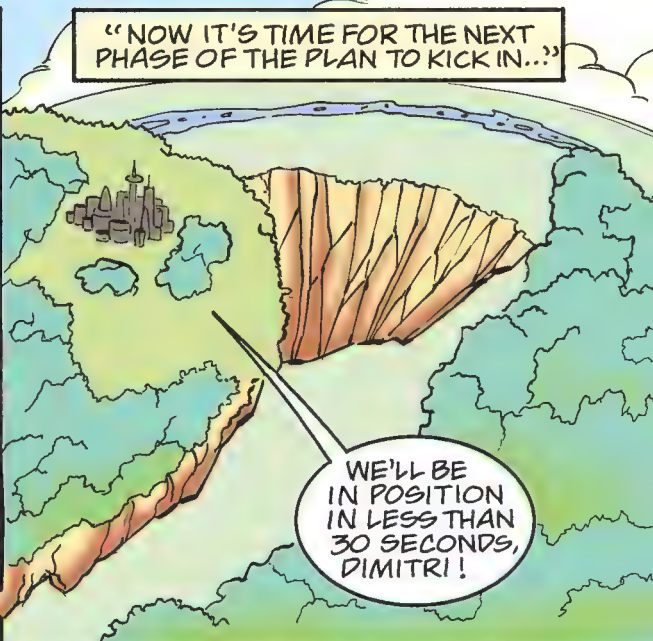
THIS IS IT-- SHOW-TIME!



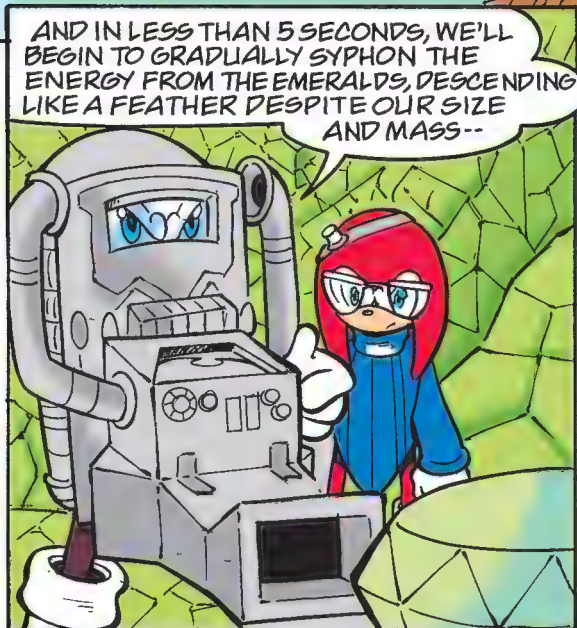
ANOTHER CHAPTER IN THE ONGOING SAGA OF SEGA'S EVER-POPULAR ECHIDNA, BROUGHT TO YOU BY...
KEN PENDERS-WRITER KEN PENDERS & DAWN BEST-ARTISTS PAM EKLUND-INKER
VICKIE WILLIAMS-LETTERER FRANK G.-COLORIST JUSTIN GABRIE-EDITOR



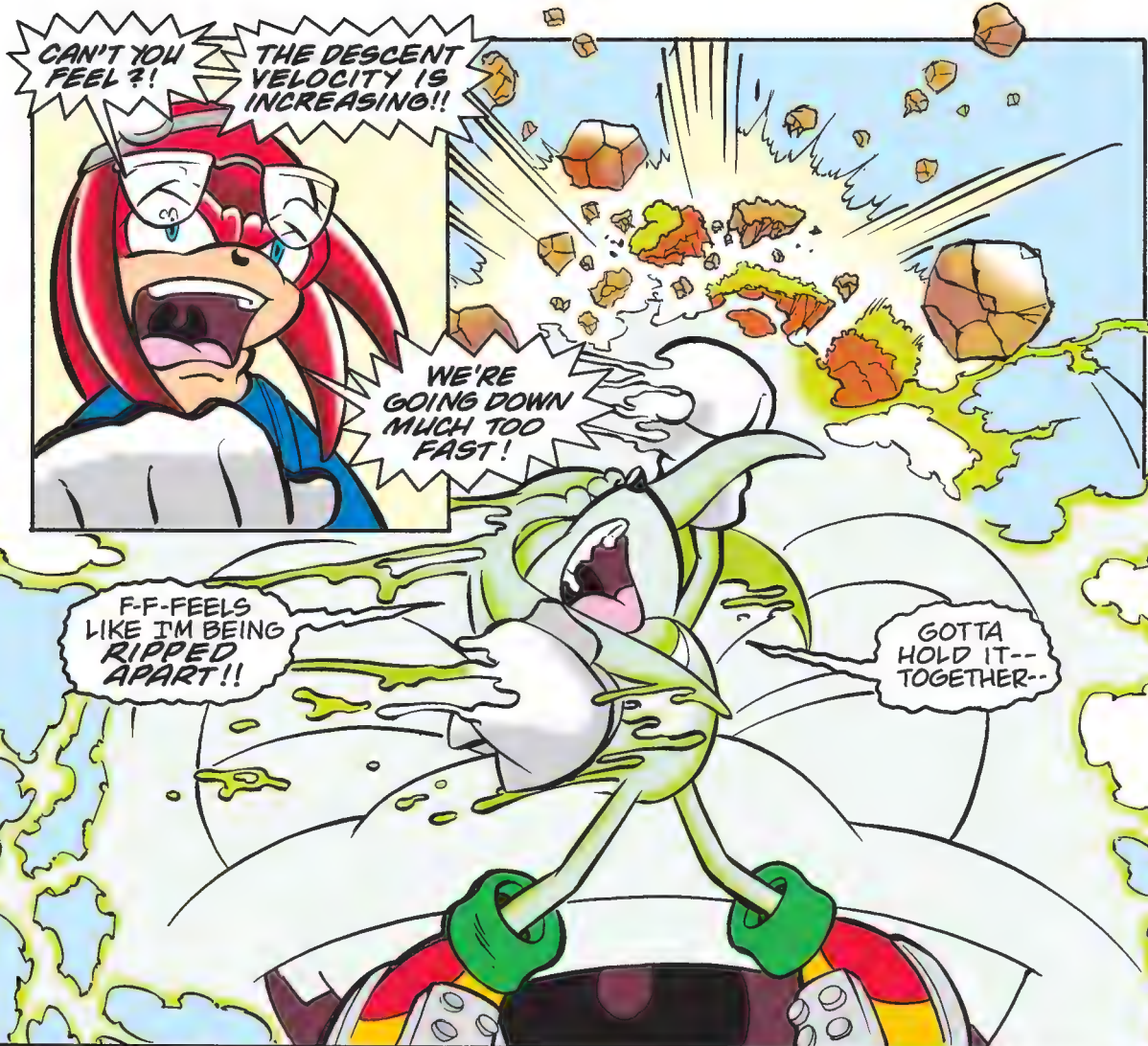
AND NO WAY WILL ANYONE GUESS IT WAS MY VOICE THEY HEARD OVER HIS!



WE'LL BE IN POSITION IN LESS THAN 30 SECONDS, DIMITRI!



WAIT, DIMITRI!!!



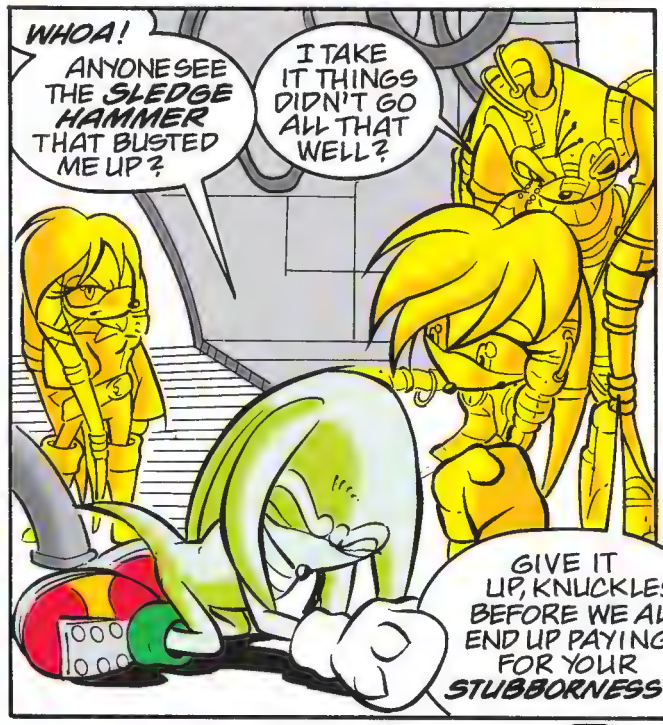
CAN'T YOU FEEL?!

THE DESCENT VELOCITY IS INCREASING!!

WE'RE GOING DOWN MUCH TOO FAST!

F-F-FEELS LIKE I'M BEING RIPPED APART!!

GOTTA HOLD IT-- TOGETHER--



WHOA! ANYONE SEE THE SLEDGE HAMMER THAT BUSTED ME UP?

I TAKE IT THINGS DIDN'T GO ALL THAT WELL?

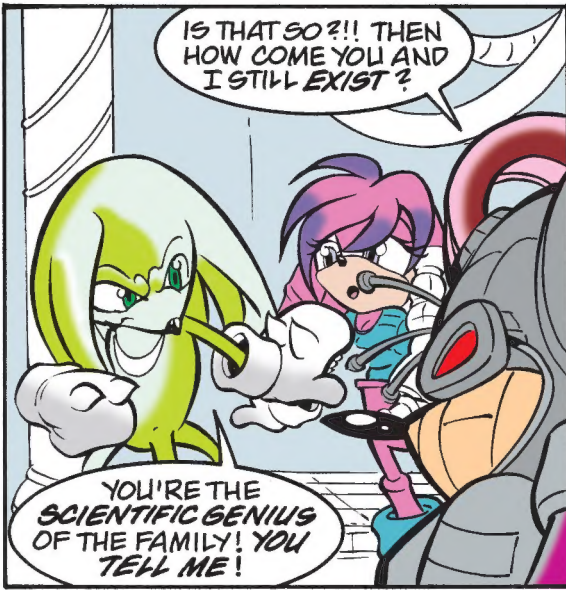
GIVE IT UP, KNUCKLES-- BEFORE WE ALL END UP PAYING FOR YOUR STUBBORNNESS!

ME BEING STUBBORN?!!

TALK ABOUT THE POT CALLING THE KETTLE BLACK, LINC!

I JUST WATCHED YOUR ORIGINAL PLAN TURN INTO A DISASTER!





IS THAT SO?! THEN HOW COME YOU AND I STILL EXIST?

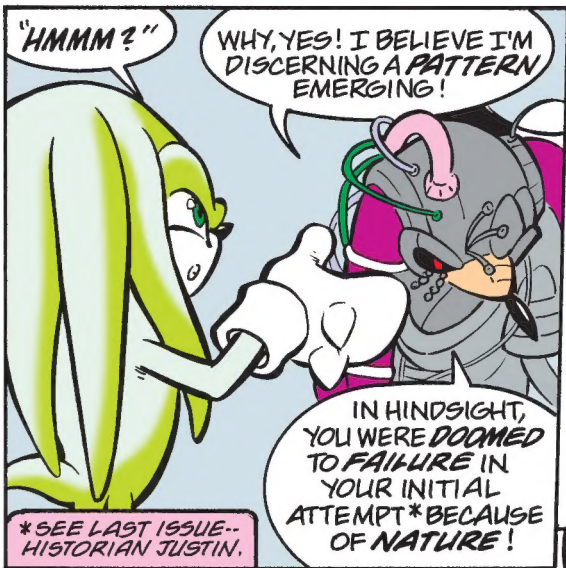
YOU'RE THE SCIENTIFIC GENIUS OF THE FAMILY! YOU TELL ME!



WITHOUT ANY HARD DATA, MY BEST GUESS WOULD BE YOU STOPPED THE PROCESS BEFORE EVENTS BECAME IRREVERSIBLE!

HAD YOU NOT REACTED WHEN YOU DID, IN ALL PROBABILITY IT WOULD HAVE PROVEN FATAL FOR ALL CONCERNED!

HMMM...

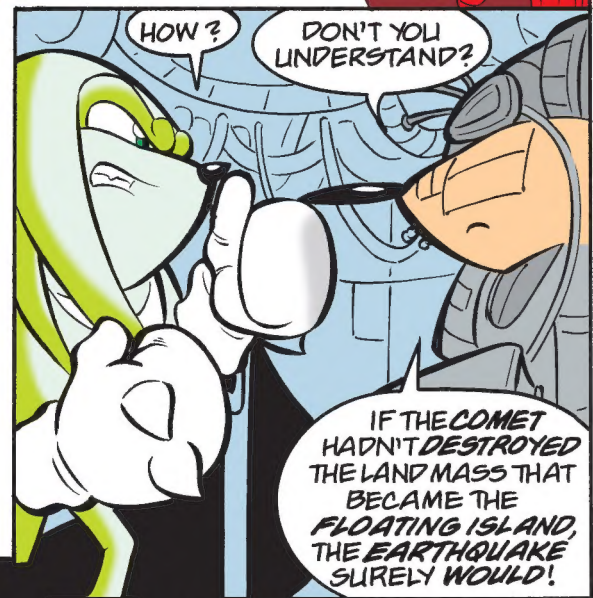


"HMMM?"

WHY, YES! I BELIEVE I'M DISCERNING A PATTERN EMERGING!

IN HINDSIGHT, YOU WERE DOOMED TO FAILURE IN YOUR INITIAL ATTEMPT BECAUSE OF NATURE!

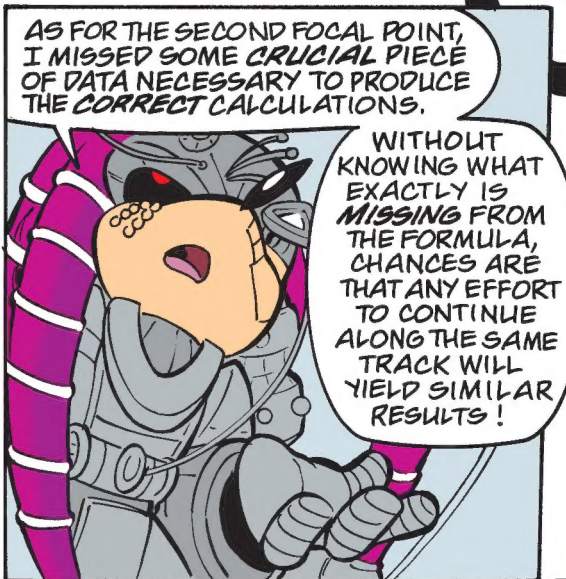
*SEE LAST ISSUE-- HISTORIAN JUSTIN.



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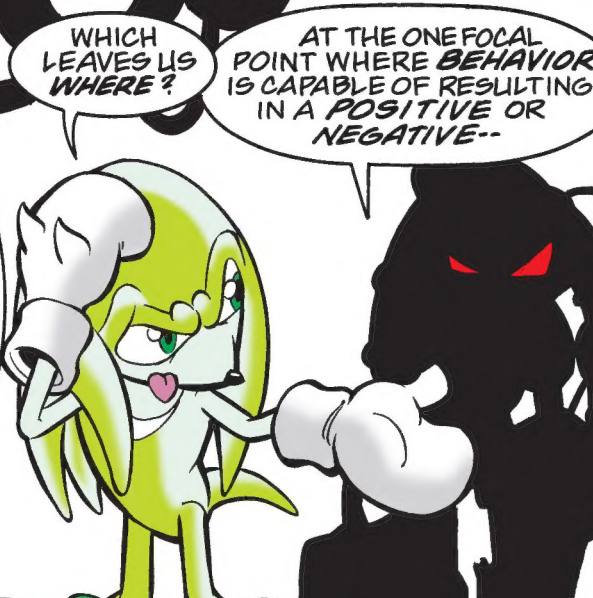
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?

IF THE COMET HADN'T DESTROYED THE LAND MASS THAT BECAME THE FLOATING ISLAND, THE EARTHQUAKE SURELY WOULD!



AS FOR THE SECOND FOCAL POINT, I MISSED SOME CRUCIAL PIECE OF DATA NECESSARY TO PRODUCE THE CORRECT CALCULATIONS.

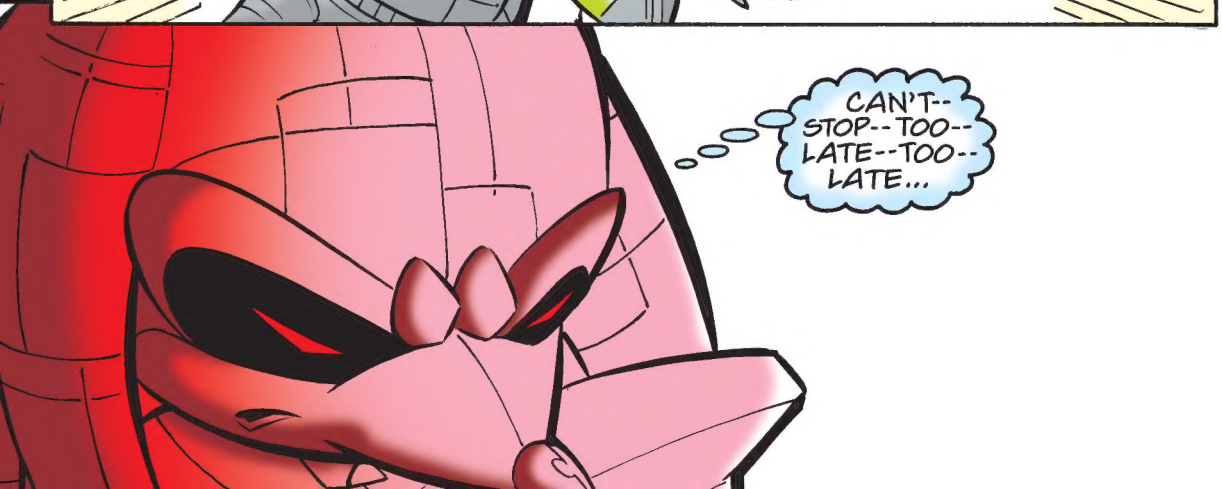
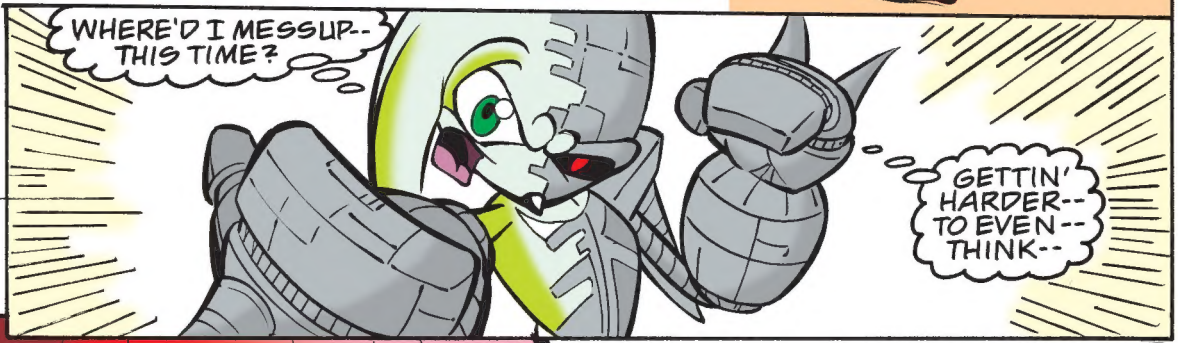
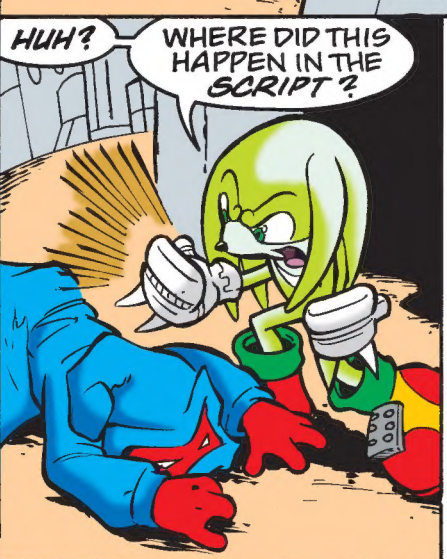
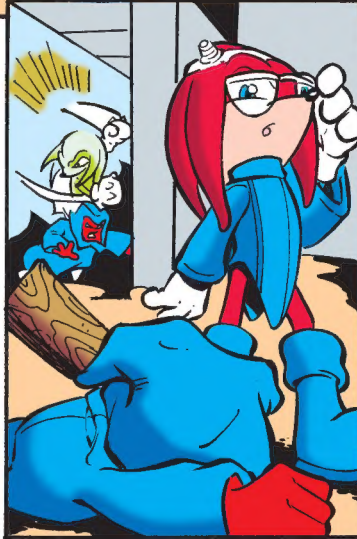
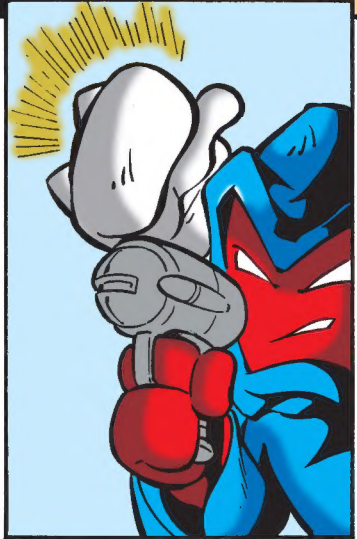
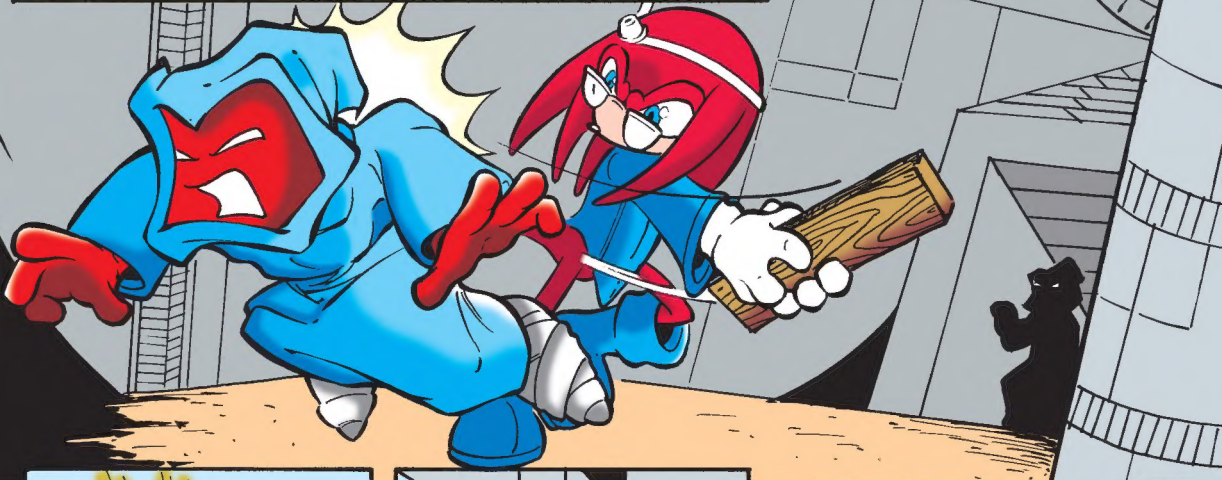
WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT EXACTLY IS MISSING FROM THE FORMULA, CHANCES ARE THAT ANY EFFORT TO CONTINUE ALONG THE SAME TRACK WILL YIELD SIMILAR RESULTS!



WHICH LEAVES US WHERE?

AT THE ONE FOCAL POINT WHERE BEHAVIOR IS CAPABLE OF RESULTING IN A POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE--

" -- WHEN MY BROTHER, EDMLIND, DECIDED TO ACT AGAINST THOSE WHO FOLLOWED IN MY FOOTSTEPS... "



JULIE-SU!!!
EASY, GIRL, AS I'M--

-- I'M NOT A
ROBOT!!

JUST WHEN YOU
THOUGHT IT *HOPELESS*,
YOUR INSTINCT FOR
SURVIVAL MUST HAVE
KICKED IN!

FOR A MOMENT,
I COULD SWEAR
WE WERE ALL
ROBOTS--

--LIVING IN
ECHIDNAOPOLIS UNDER
THE RULE OF THE DESPOT
ROBOTNIK!

THAT'S
WHACKED!

NOT AT ALL,
JULIE-SU!

WHEN KNUCKLES
SAVED MY BROTHER,
THAT TOOK AWAY THE
IMPETUS FOR THE
CREATION OF THE
GUARDIANS--

--LEAVING THE ECHIDNAS ESSENTIALLY
VULNERABLE TO AN INVASION BY
OUTSIDE FORCES!

IT'S NOT
FAIR!!!

I'VE ALL
THIS *POWER*
AND I COULDN'T
DO *GOOD*-- NOT
ONCE!!

PERHAPS NOT IN
THE *PAST*, BUT IN
REGARDS TO THE
FUTURE--

-- WE'VE YET TO DETERMINE
IF YOU CAN UNDO THE EFFECT OF
THE *QUANTUM BEAM* IN ORDER
TO RESTORE THE INHABITANTS TO
THE *FLOATING ISLAND*,
AND IF SO--

-- *ANYTHING*
IS POSSIBLE!

NEXT: IN SONIC # 106, THE MOST SHOCKING DEVELOPMENT KNUCKLES HAS
EVER EXPERIENCED... MY ENEMY, MY DAUGHTER! TALK ABOUT MIND-BLOWING! HOO-HA!

JULIE-SU

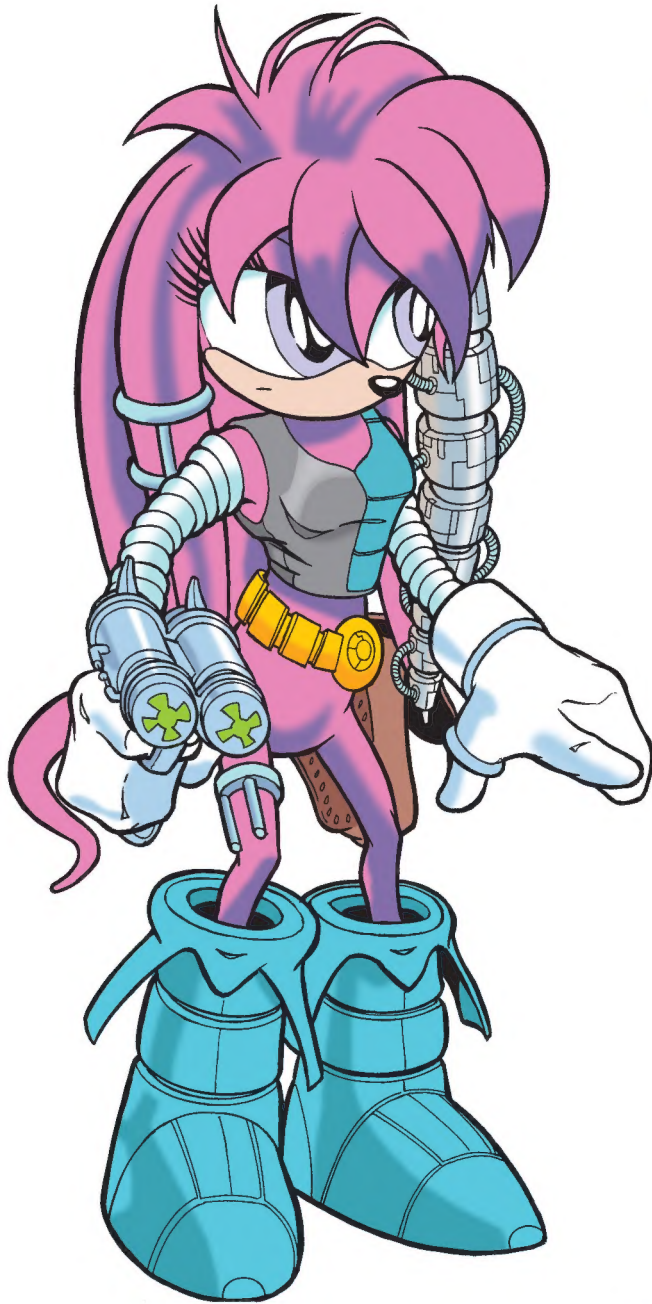
HISTORY: Julie-Su was born the daughter of Luger and his second wife Mari-Su. Almost from the very beginning, Julie-Su was treated like an unwelcome visitor by her older step-brother Kragok and his twin-sister Lien-Da, and virtually ignored by her father as he carried out his duties as the leader of the Dark Legion.

When Mari-Su met with a tragic accident of a most peculiar nature, Julie-Su was subjected to a memory wipe by Kragok and Lien-Da. They had far greater plans for the Dark Legion and no desire at all for their despised sibling to share in them, so she was placed in the care of an elderly echidna couple, Simon and Floren-Ca, who treated her as if she were their own natural daughter.

For the most part, Julie-Su grew up in a loving environment, unaware of the truth that Simon and Floren-Ca were warned never to reveal. Yet she always wondered why something felt missing in her life. Suppressing these feelings, she eventually assumed the duties of a support troop upon reaching the age of thirteen.

When the Dark Legion and Knuckles eventually clashed, the results were a destroyed headquarters complex and an angry Julie-Su separated from her compatriots. Upon discovering the crocodile Vector, she unleashed her fury on him, drawing the attention of Knuckles and his friends Charmy, Espio and Mighty. Because of her association with the Dark Legion, Julie-Su was mistrusted at first but gradually won over their respect and friendship.

She has since discovered the truth about her past and has developed a more romantic involvement with Knuckles, due to their unacknowledged recognition through a sixth sense the echidnas refer to as the "soultouch".



FIRST APPEARANCE: KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #4, August 1997.

FULL NAME: Julie-Su of the House of Dimitri

RANK: Former Dark Legionnaire, support

BORN: 277 / 3221 **EYES:** Deep violet

HAIR: Rose pink with lavender bangs

HEIGHT: 84 marks **WEIGHT:** 7.3 stone

WEAPONS: Double-barrel multi-purpose proton gun, taser

KNOWN FAMILY: Luger (father - whereabouts unknown), Mari-Su of the House of Atrades (mother - deceased), Kragok (step-brother - deceased), Lien-Da (step-sister), Simon (foster father), Floren-Ca (foster mother), Moritori Rex (grandfather), Dimitri (great-great-grandfather)

KNOWN FRIENDS: Knuckles, Mighty, Espio, Charmy, Vector, Lara-Le, Constable Remington

